

REMARKS

The Final Office Action of February 6, 2006, has been received and reviewed. Claims 18, 21-25, 32 and 33 are currently pending. Claims 18, 21-25, 32 and 33 are rejected. It is proposed to amend claims 18 and 21-24. Applicant proposes to add claims 56-59. All amendments and cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration is requested.

Examiner interview

Applicant kindly thanks the Examiner for the interview granted on February 21, 2006. The applicants' representatives and the examiner discussed amending the application as set for herein. If further comments regarding the interview are necessary, the Office is kindly requested to contact the applicant's attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Claim rejections—35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 18, 21-25 and 32-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant proposes to amend independent claim 18 as discussed in the interview. As such, the proposed amendments to claim 18 should remove any indefiniteness and place it in condition for allowance. Furthermore, claims 21-25 and 32-33 should also be allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 18, 21-25 and 32-33 is respectfully requested.

Entry of Amendments

It is respectfully requested that the proposed claim amendments be entered. The proposed amendments merely place the claims in condition for allowance and do not introduce new matter into the application, nor would they require any additional search.

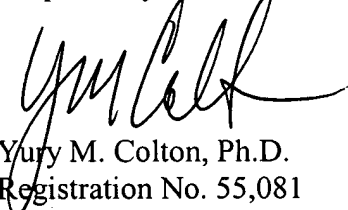
More particularly, support for claims 56-58 may be found in claim 18. Support for claim 59, added herein as discussed in the interview, may be found in claim 32 and in the specification on page 14, lines 12-24.

In the event that a decision is made not to enter the proposed claim amendments, entry thereof upon the filing of a Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant submits that the claims define patentable subject matter and a notice of allowance is requested. Should questions exist after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact the applicant's attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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